

stantly ring in the ears of every model Christian so that he will have neither rest nor peace until the gospel has been preached to every creature, preparatory to the Lord's coming again.

Lastly, the model Christian will ever look to the Lord's coming again and calling him forth to meet him, and so ever be with the Lord as the ultimatum of his life of faith, cross bearing and consecrated service.

A WORD FOR THE COLLEGE

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Bethesda church will take a college endowment pledge. The church is looking forward for more enlightenment. Nothing more opens up the way to good than the right understanding of the laws governing the things we deal with. Nothing is more productive of evil than ignorance of God's natural laws. No matter how good and righteous a man aims to be if he has no understanding of the laws of the physical, social and spiritual development of childhood and is of the kind that gets all the training in the "rod" and as often as the child tries to do something, comes with a don't or frown or a scold puts an eternal cloud into the home and when his child reaches all the possibility of life he need not be surprised to find instead of an exalted, ennobling life, nothing but a physical, social and spiritual dwarf. A friend whose parents were exceedingly religious, the father a minister, said, "My parents have wronged us. The evil effects cannot be made right in this world or in the world to come." There were ten in the family. All were bright children, but the parents were radical, raised the children in a secluded way and brought social darkness into the home, until they heedlessly drove several of them into a state of insanity.

When God hurled this earth out into space and peopled it with creatures after his own image he never intended that it should be filled with fools and a class that is almost and altogether incapable of enjoyment. God intended that man should obey him and he would bless him and make him a blessing. But what a man sows that shall he also reap. If he sows to the flesh he will reap death. Physiologists say where drunkenness is continued thru three or four successive generations it breeds out insanity. With all the drunkenness and beastly sensuality and soul debasing incontinency and pride of life and inordinate love for money, is it to be wondered that the wrath of Almighty God is upon the race, and that the fourth successive generations breed mortals with scrofula, consumption, dyspepsia, and insanity, and without any ability and natural affection, dying young and coming far short of the glory of God?

Let the youth of the land study and practice purity, continency, temperance, total abstinence and develop the physical, social, and spiritual part of their natures. Then God will send model men, with natural af-

fection, giants in learning and understanding, powerful for God. This earth with all of its reforms never will reach its maximum of enjoyment until God is understood and obeyed.

While not all students at school will come out beautifully equipped for a long and noble life yet it is more likely they will learn here than elsewhere. Therefore with our hearts we say God bless the college.

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THE NEW BIRTH

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"Born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God." "Ye must be born again," and this implies a duplicate change, i. e., the outer and the inner, and as man polluted both soul and body so God provided a rescue for both thru Jesus Christ our Lord.

Faith is the common word used to designate all the work of regeneration. Paul said to the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus," and to actively believe on him is to do what he taught. Christ, as well as his forerunner, cried, saying, "Repent." Therefore the first thing the unregenerate person has to do is to turn his back on the sinful things of this world which Christ condemns and our hearts (affections) must be so changed that we will continue in the right for, "where our treasure is there will our heart be also."

If man is changed thru fear or excitement nine times out of ten he will return to his former habits. But my friendly reader may say, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." True, but Solomon never said it is wisdom. Inspiration tells us love casteth out fear, and when we once love God and do his commandments, then we are wise unto salvation and fear is dispelled. But, says another, the unregenerate cannot change his vile body. We affirm that he must in order to receive any spiritual cleansing whatever.

If man wills to eschew evil and cleave to the good, God has given exceeding great and precious promises to him which will give him great mental ability, provided man wills; but if he will not to be good all the provision God has made thru his Word avails nothing. Man's will, in a great measure at least, is governed by his heart (affections); so the sinner's heart is changed by presenting to him intelligently the love of God. One thus changed has experienced a wonderful change of heart, and many would claim at this juncture of regeneration, that this change of feelings is evidence that God for Christ's sake has pardoned their past sins. But, alas! past sins are stains on the soul and when pardoned can not be felt by the natural or outer man or any of his attributes, only by the knowledge which God gives to us in his Word. Repentance, therefore, gives to us the evidence of a changed body, only; but the soul is purified by faith in that when we are baptized with water that the blood of Christ is applied to the inner

man or soul, and all the stains man has placed on the soul are cleansed and it is as pure and holy as when a little child; yet baptism amounts to nothing, unless the body or life is changed by repentance, and this will never be accomplished unless man first believes. When the unregenerate life is changed by repentance and the soul purified by the blood of Christ, we are brought in very close relation to God, but we need more than this, and we receive more if we only believe. Baptism of the Holy Ghost to those who repented and were baptized by John the Baptist. He said, "I indeed baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Here the critic wants to stop and quibble. But whatever may be difficult to the human mind to comprehend, yet the things we need to know are easily understood: we need to repent and be baptized with water and Christ will do his part of the baptizing. Tho we can not philosophize God's part of the work, yet we can see the practicability of it and the regenerate can feel it in the lives of those whom God thus highly honored. While John preached this doctrine, it was not only taught by Christ, but we see it exemplified in this baptism when the Holy Ghost came and lit upon him in the bodily shape of a dove. Peter understood this baptism after pentecost for we hear him instructing sin-stricken people in his first sermon to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins that you may receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. A wonderful gift and 'twas not to them only, but to as many as the Lord calls. Hence, the promise reaches even unto us. Praise the Lord.

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WORKING FOR CHRIST

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And unto one he gave five talents, to another two and to another one, to every man according to his ability, and straightway took his journey. Matt. 25:15.

Are we all improving the talent delivered to us? If not, what is our reason for not doing so? Surely every Christian takes Christ at his word, and he tells us in the parable that each must give an account for the number of talents delivered to him.

A talent here certainly means our ability to work for Christ, to do the work allotted to us. Now none of us, as professing to know Christ, wants to hear him say, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest I reap where I sow not and gather where I have not sowed." Then to hear the great King, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." How in the face of this scripture can we expect anything else.

Of course we may say, "I can't do anything for Christ; I'll leave that for my brother who is used to doing such things." Of this we should really be ashamed, but there